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SUBJECT: UPI DROPPED BY SAMACHAR

1. MOST ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS IN NEW DELHI TODAY CARRIED THE FOLLOWING SAMACHAR (INDIAN NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY) REPORT: "SAMACHAR WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTING THE UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN INDIA WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. THE PERIOD OF THE AGREEMENT TO DISTRIBUTE THIS SERVICE HAS ENDED AND A RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT IS NOT BEING MADE BY SAMACHAR."

2. THE UPI BUREAU CHIEF SAYS THE U.S. NEWS AGENCY'S THREE-YEAR CONTRACT (ASSUMED BY SAMACHAR EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN INDIAN NEWS AGENCIES WERE AMALGAMATED) IN FACE EXPIRED JULY 1, BUT THE INDIAN AGENCY HAD DELAYED ITS DECISION OSTENSIBLY TO WEIGH FURTHER WHETHER SAMACHAR COULD ACCEPT A RISE IN COST OVER THE LAST CONTRACT. UPI WAS INFORMED OF THE DECISION TO DROP ITS SERVICE ON JULY 11, AND SAMACHAR CARRIED THE ITEM ON JULY 12. THE UPI SERVICE HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN INDIA FOR NINE YEARS, UNDER THREE THREE-YEAR CONTRACTS WITH THE FORMER

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA.

3. COMMENT: SAMACHAR HAD MADE KNOWN SOME MONTHS AHO  
ITS INTENTION TO CUT SUBSCRIPTION TO U.S. WIRE SERVICES  
TO ONLY ONE OF THE TWO IT WAS TAKING--AP AND UPI--CITING  
COST AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DECISION WAS DELAYED TO COINCIDE  
WITH THE MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED NEWS POOL CONFERENCE  
IN NEW DELHI, ENDING TODAY, AT WHICH ALMOST ALL NATIONAL  
SPOKESMEN HAVE ROUNDLY CONDEMNED THE DEPENDENCE OF NON-  
ALIGNED COUNTRIES ON INFORMATION DISSEMINATED BY BIG  
WESTERN "TRANSNATIONAL" AGENCIES.  
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